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## The Story of "Our Mutual Friend"

### Synopsis of Story.

As an autumn evening was closing in, a dirty barge is floating on the Thames River. Gaffer Hexam, a riverside man, has found the dead body of a man, a certain John Harmon, according to papers found in his clothing. Hexam, known as "The Bird of Prey," believed that the dead man was the son of an old miser, Harmon, who made a great fortune as a rubbish contractor. Hexam knew that this boy was to inherit the old miser's fortune if he married Bella Wilfer, who was a child of four years when the will was made. In the event the marriage was not fulfilled the fortune was to go to Boffin, Harmon's faithful old servant.

Lawyer Lightwood, who has handled the inheritance case, had discovered John Harmon in America and at the time when the boy was expected home they found his body in the Thames.

Lightwood, startled at this news, goes with his partner, Eugene Wrayburn, to see Gaffer Hexam at his nest in an old mill on the river. Hexam takes the two to the police station to look at the body of the dead man. While at the next Wrayburn sees Lizzie, Hexam's daughter, a revelation in the dark and dismal surroundings, and falls in love with her at the first meeting.

While they are inspecting the body a stranger appears. He also wants to see the body. He gives his name to the police as Julius Handford.

Later we see Handford in a house, outside London, occupied by "Pa Wilfer," whose daughter Bella is the girl named in the Harmon will. Handford, for some strange reason, calls himself John Rokesmith and engages a room in the Wilfer home. He obtains a position as secretary to Mr. Boffin, who now inherits John Harmon's millions. Feeling obligated to Bella Wilfer, Boffin and his wife bring her to their palatial home to enjoy some of the fortune left by the rubbish contractor.

Boffin engages Silas Wegg, a

keeper of a small news stand, known as "the literary man with a wooden leg," to read to him and is invited to stay in the old house with Boffin, known as "Boffin's Bower."

Rokesmith now has his offices in Boffin's new house, and here he has an opportunity to see Bella Wilfer and study her character. He soon falls deeply in love with her, but to his regret he discovers that she is just as haughty and desirous of money as she is beautiful.

Boffin has offered a large reward for the solution of the Harmon murder and evidence that will lead to the arrest of the guilty. Rogue Riderhood, a villain from the old school, has spread the rumor that it was Hexam who killed John Harmon. Riderhood denounces Hexam to the police, but the infamous denouncer is cheated of the reward after all, for Hexam is found dead at the bottom of the same river in which Harmon met his death.

Lizzie Hexam, alone in the world, goes to live with Jenny Wren, a doll's dressmaker and a queer-looking little cripple who makes a living for herself and a drunken father. Wrayburn very often comes to see Lizzie.

In the meantime Silas Wegg and his good friend, Mr. Venus, the skeleton maker, evolve a plan to blackmail old Boffin. They have found in the dust heaps a will, in which Harmon leaves all property to the crown, cancelling all previous testaments.

The story ends with the murder mystery cleared in a most amazing and surprising manner through the appearance of John Harmon, who has been in evidence many times under several disguises, and Silas Wegg's financial operations come to a sudden end.

The sun of joy and happiness shines once more, and the brave old Boffin, who needs no longer play a part, is happy to see Harmon's money become a blessing to all.

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